



# PEORIA SUPPORT

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## **Awareness Series Seminars - FREE**

**There's a Dog at the Dinner Table! The Truth about Service Animals and more...**

**September 28, 2016 4:00—6:00 pm**

**DCS Building - 9875 N 85th Ave, Peoria AZ 85345**

The **Arizona Developmental Disabilities Council** will share information about the use of service animals to assist persons with disabilities. This seminar will address questions that arise about the use of service animals by taking a look at issues from the perspectives of service animal owners and members of the community who encounter them in public settings. Information will be provided by the Arizona Center for Disability Law to address federal and state laws governing service animals. But wait...it's not just about service animals! Information will be shared about resources in Peoria for individuals with developmental disabilities, including recreation programs and assistive technology. Staff from the **City of Peoria Community Center** will talk about their specialized adaptive activities for persons with developmental disabilities, and the **Arizona Technology Access Program** will present cutting-edge devices available for loan to make everyday tasks easier.

### **About the Presenters:**

**Mr. Larry Clausen**, Executive Director for the Arizona Developmental Disabilities Planning Council, has worked in human services his entire career starting as a school social worker, then a county government social worker and in the private sector as a program director for residential services and as a licensed nursing home administrator.

**Ms. Sarah Ruf** serves as the community relations specialist for the Arizona Developmental Disabilities Planning Council. Sarah is passionate about advocating alongside Arizonans with disabilities. A highlight in her disability education came in college when she served as a counselor at a summer camp for adults with visual and cognitive disabilities.

**J.J. Rico** serves as the executive director at the Arizona Center for Disability Law. The ACDL provides information, outreach and training on legal rights and self-advocacy, represents individuals in negotiations, administrative proceedings and court, and investigates abuse and neglect.

The **Peoria Community Center Adaptive Recreation Program** involves leisure opportunities and related services which are designed to enhance the quality of life for individuals with disabilities.

The **Arizona Technology Access Program**, or AzTAP, lends out assistive technology devices so people with disabilities can participate as fully as possible in activities that matter to them.

**Registration is required at: [Debbie.pearson@peoriaaz.gov](mailto:Debbie.pearson@peoriaaz.gov) or call 623-773-7070**